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Letter dated 27 February 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1643 (2005) of 15 December 2005, concerning Côte d'Ivoire. In paragraph 9 of that resolution, the Council requested me to re-establish, in consultation with the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004), for a period of six months, a group of experts consisting of no more than five members having the necessary skills to perform the mandate set out in that paragraph.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, taking into account the requirements stated in resolution 1643 (2005), I have appointed the following five experts:

Agim de Bruycker (Belgium)
Christian Dietrich (United States of America)
Oumar Dièye Sidi (Niger)
Nawa Raj Silwal (Nepal)
Alex Vines (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

I have also selected Mr. Vines to chair the Group of Experts.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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